

Monkstown Nursery School

Monthly Newsletter October 2020



Diary Dates

Pupil Consultation Meetings

We are very proud of the excellent relationship which exists between our staff and our parents/carers. We are confident that effective partnerships significantly benefits the learning and development of the children, therefore we aim to keep you informed about your child's progress as often as we can. We are therefore providing the opportunity for you to come to school and discuss how your child has settled into nursery during October and early November. Individual times will be issued to you soon.

To minimise risk, we have considered the current EA guidance and we would ask you to consider the following points:

- Only one parent/carer should attend the appointment
- No children should attend
- Please sanitise your hands on arrival
- The time allocation is ten minutes
- A screen will be in place and we would ask you to wear a mask or visor
- Social distancing rules will apply when entering and exiting the school building

If you feel more comfortable with a telephone consultation this can be arranged.

Annual Report

Within in the next few days, all families should receive a copy of the Board of Governors Annual Report via email. If you have any queries regarding this do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

6 October: Jo Jingles will be in nursery

20 October: Visit from Wee Critters

23 October: No school for Ms Acheson's part-time classes to facilitate pupil consultation meetings

26-30 October: Mid Term holidays

2 November: No school for Ms Acheson's part-time classes to facilitate pupil consultation meetings

3 November: Children return to school after holidays

Child Protection & Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child you should share these concerns with:

Mrs K. Wilson
(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)
or

Ms L. Acheson
(Deputy Designated Teacher)

Thank you and Help Needed



We would like to say a big thank you for the donations which have recently been given to the nursery to extend our resources. The children have enjoyed using a range of loose parts outside including the sought after steering wheel and we have added to our Duplo bricks and our Happyland resources. If you have any **milk crates** we would really appreciate them. We would also like to expand our set of familiar small world characters and would appreciate any donations of **Peppa Pig characters or Paw Patrol**. We have had a donation of two large cable drums—if you would be willing to help sand these down and treat these, please let us know!

Self Help Skills

We are currently working on our self help skills and we would appreciate continued parental support at home. Remember, our children love praise for their achievements and are so proud when they say 'I did it!' - the more you do for your pre-school child, the more your child will learn a sense of helplessness and learn to rely on adult support. We will share a little video via Seesaw which shows some of our pupils **putting on their coat independently**. We are also focusing on **changing shoes** and putting these into our box, and **pouring our own water and milk** at snack time.



Parking

When parking outside, please be considerate of local residents. We would ask that you do not obstruct driveways and observe the flexible pick-up and drop-off times. Please do not enter the staff car park even when gates are open.

